


Memo

To: Board of Managers
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations 
CC: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
Date: 9/3/13
Re: Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Pedestrian Signal Request:

- In mid-August, Ms. Baptiste, Mr. Goodwin, representatives of the Village Traffic Committee, Shana and I met with SHA Administrator, Melinda Peters and her staff to follow-up on the State's traffic study in response to our pedestrian crossing request.
- Overall we believed the meeting was successful in convincing SHA to take into consideration many of the unique factors about this section of Connecticut Avenue and the Village rather than the standard pedestrian warrants (requirements).
- Melinda agreed to direct her staff to review our request taking into consideration our unique factors.
- A response is expected over the next few months.

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Repaving (SHA):

- The winning contractor is scheduled to receive notice to proceed (NTP) on September 17, 2013.
- Construction will get underway shortly after NTP is issued.
- It is anticipated the contractor will focus its efforts on roadway patching, curb repairs, storm drain replacements and upgrades to the median through the fall and winter.
- At the conclusion of the project, spring 2014, the roadway will be repaved.

- Most work will be conducted during daytime hours however; the repaving operations in the spring will be conducted at night.

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Tree Planting:

- Under New Business, I will present for Board approval the final draft of the MOU between the State and Village to authorize the planting of up to 105 trees within the Connecticut Avenue right-of-way.

PEPCO:

- **Wiring/Infrastructure Upgrades:**
 - No updates since last month's report.
- **Street Light Upgrades:**
 - LED streetlights are now available for order through PEPCO. I am in the process of scheduling a meeting with PEPCO engineering team to discuss logistics for our plans to install several sample blocks of the new lights.
 - Initially, I had hope to have the lights installed before the trees lose their leaves however, due to delays at PEPCO and manufacturing the earliest LED lights could be installed is late November.
 - It is now my hope that our pilot program will extend through the winter and spring which will further help test the durability and light dispersion with and without tree foliage.
 - Once I meet with PEPCO, purchase authorization from the Board will be sought to begin our pilot program.

Village Sidewalk Replacements:

- Village sidewalk contractor, Capitol Hardscapes, began year 3 sidewalk replacements the week of August 26.
- The contractor is focusing its work on the east side of the Village, starting with Quincy Street and working their way south.

Washington Gas:

- **Gas Main Replacements:**
 - Utility crews are continuing their work on Grafton and Hesketh Streets.
 - Construction is progressing smoothly after early coordination issues.
 - Work on Grafton Street is expected to wrap up by the end of the month, while work on Hesketh Street should be completed by the middle of November.
 - The gas mains on Grafton and Hesketh Streets were installed in the 1920's.

- Washington Gas has also approached the Village about replacing an additional 4 miles of gas mains. This additional work would completely upgrade Washington Gas' infrastructure in the Village.
- Over the next month I will working with Washington Gas to review its plans and will provide updates accordingly.

Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk (SHA):

- No updates since last month's report.

WSSC:

- **Water Main Replacements/Relocations:**

- Phase #2 of WSSC's water main project is almost complete; crews are currently in the process of hooking residents on Park and Montgomery Streets to the new water main.
- WSSC has also agreed to replace the last remaining section of old pipe along Belmont Avenue.
- Phase #3 replacements on Grafton and Hesketh Streets are scheduled to begin on or around September 23. This will give Washington Gas crews extra time to complete its work and allow WSSC contractors to work more efficiently.
- After phase #3 replacements are completed all water mains on the west side will have been replaced or are an upgraded material.

- **Sewer Main Rehabilitation:**

- **Interior to the Village:**
 - No updates since last month's report.

